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compensation payable under the Act in respect of that estate; and the bonds so deposited shall be treated in all respects as if they were part of the advance payment aforesaid.' "

The motion was carried.

(3) BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MOTION FOR CHANGE IN THE ORDER.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

> ' *That under rule 22 (3) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, item No. IV (3) on the agenda, namely, the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952, be taken up before item IV (1), viz., the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Bill, 1952.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That under rule 22 (3) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, item No. IV (3) on the agenda, namely, the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952, be taken up before item IV (1), viz., the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Bill, 1952.' "

The motion was carried.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(5) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952.

* THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :— " Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move— 3–20 p.m.

> ' *That the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1952, be taken into consideration at once.*'

" In moving this motion, I have to make a few remarks. The object of this Bill is to provide for an increase in the revenues of the State, which has been found very necessary, by the levy of a tax on sales of foreign liquor, which is justified by itself and from comparison with the prices of foreign liquor in other States. It is proposed to amend the Act and take power under Section 21-A, under which every person or institution which sells foreign liquor (*a*) to any person holding a permit for the consumption of liquor under section 20, clause (*a*), or (*b*) to any institution holding a permit for the supply of liquor to its members under section 20, clause (*b*) will be required to collect from the purchaser and pay over to the Government at such intervals and in such manner as may be prescribed, a sales tax calculated at the rate of eight annas in the rupee or at such other rate as may be notified by the Government from time to time, on the price of the liquor so sold. This amendment is found necessary on account of the need for

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increasing the revenues of the State and as this levy is justified when compared with the prices of liquor prevailing in other States."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1952), be taken into considration at once.' "

MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not sure whether this Bill envisages the levy of the proposed additional duty on mass wine and wine used for sacramental purposes."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister says 'No.' "

MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ :—" In that case, I have nothing to say, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1952), be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think there is no amendment to this Bill. So, I am going to put the whole Bill containing Clauses 1, 2 and Explanation to the vote of the House."

Clauses 1, 2 and the Preamble were then put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :— " Sir, I now move—

'That the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1952), be passed into law.' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1952), be passed into law.' "

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I submit that we have finished the non-controversial part of the Agenda for to-day and only two taxation Bills remain now. In fact, it was the idea of the Government . . ."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, with the permission of the Leader of the House, I may state that we ought to be accommodative in this matter and accept the suggestion of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. There is another Bill, viz., the Madras Repealing and Amending Bill and I suggest that after going through that Bill also, we may give a holiday to the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In that case, a motion should be moved under rule 22 (3)."